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DEPT PASS AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

FOR DEPSEC INGERSOLL AND UNDER SEC MAW FROM JOHN NORTON MOORE

DEPT PLEASE PASS TO LEIGH (L), CLINGAN (OES) AND ESKIN (D/LOS)

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SUBJECT: LOS BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS WITH SOVIETS

SUMMARY US AND SOVIET TEAMS HELD DETAILED DISCUSSION ON ALL ASPECTS OF LOS ISSUES ON FEB 6 AT USUN. DISCUSSIONS INDICATED POSITIONS CLOSE ON MOST ISSUES EXCEPT MARINE RESEARCH CONCERNING THE CONTINENTAL SHELF AND DEEP SEABEDS. DURING DISCUSSIONS OF TIMING OF CONFERENCE AND POSSIBILITY OF PASSAGE OF 200-MILE FISHING OR DEEP SEA MINING BILLS AMB KOLOSOVSKY INDICATED GREAT CONCERN FOR PASSAGE OF EITHER BILL. ON OTHER HAND, HE DID NOT SEEM TROUBLED BY POSSIBILITY OF ARTICLE 7 LEGISLATION AND INDICATED IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION THAT USSR WOULD REVIEW QUESTION OF ACCEDING TO THE 1958 GENEVA CONVENTION ON FISHING AND CONSERVATION OF LIVING RESOURCES OF THE HIGH SEAS. END SUMMARY

1. US LOS TEAM HEADED BY JOHN NORTON MOORE MET WITH SOVIET LOS TEAM HEADED BY AMB KOLOSOVSKY AND DR. ROMANOV FOR  
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SEVEN HOUR EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON LOS ISSUES. DISCUSSIONS WERE

CHARACTERIZED BY FULL AND CANDID DISCUSSION ON SUBSTANCE AND TACTICS FOR ACHIEVING BROAD RANGE OF MUTUAL OBJECTIVES AT LOS CONF.

2. PRINCIPAL AREAS OF DIFFERENCES SEEM TO BE REGIME FOR MARINE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH CONCERNING THE CONTINENTAL SHELF AND DEEP SEA MINING. SOVIETS SEEK CONSENT REGIME FOR SHELF RESEARCH. AT KOLOSOVSKY'S REQUEST MOORE AGAIN OUTLINED HIS PERSONAL PROPOSAL (WHICH HAD BEEN PRESENTED TO ROMANOV IN LONDON) ON POSSIBILITY OF QUALIFIED CONSENT REGIME ON SHELF AS WAY OF OBTAINING COMMON POSITION. ALTHOUGH ON SURFACE US AND SOVIET POSITIONS ON DEEP SEABEDS SEEM SIMILAR THERE WERE A NUMBER OF INDICATIONS THAT THE SOVIET POSITION ON DEEP SEABEDS WAS MUCH SOFTER THAN US POSITION.

3. WITH RESPECT TO PASSAGE OF UNILATERAL LEGISLATION KOLOSOVSKY HINTED THAT PASSAGE OF 200-MILE BILL COULD BE SERIOUS CAUSE OF DIFFICULTIES. HE INDICATED HE QUOTE COULD NOT SAY WHAT THE POSITION OF THE SUPREME SOVIET WOULD BE IF THE BILL WERE PASSED UNQUOTE. ON THE OTHER HAND HE SEEMED MUCH MORE RELAXED CONCERNING ARTICLE 7 LEGISLATION (SULLIVAN-DINGLE BILL) AND IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION INDICATED HE WOULD QUERY MOSCOW ON THE POSSIBILITY OF SOVIET ADHERENCE TO THE 1958 GENEVA CONVENTION ON FISHING AND CONSERVATION. CONCERNING PASSAGE OF DEEP SEA MINING LEGISLATION KOLOSOVSKY SAID THAT PASSAGE WOULD PRODUCE QUOTE INSTANT LDC RETALIATION WITH 200-MILE TERRITORIAL SEAS UNQUOTE AND THAT CONF WOULD QUOTE DISINTEGRATE IN CHAOS UNQUOTE.

4. COMMENT THE SOVS SEEM MUCH MORE CONCERNED ABOUT PASSAGE OF THE 200-MILE BILL THAN AN APPROACH BASED ON ART 7 OF THE GENEVA CONVENTION. IF THE USSR WOULD ACCEDE TO THE CONVENTION, OF COURSE, THE ART 7 APPROACH WOULD BE GREATLY STRENGTHENED AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO THE 200-MILE BILL.  
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NOTE BY OC/T: NOT PASSED MOSCOW.

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